



CERTIFICATE OF MAIL

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **June 28, 2004**.


Jinny Nguyen

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Date: June 28, 2004

Daniel E. HOUSE et al.

Confirmation No.: 9705

Serial No.: 09/477,767

Group Art Unit: 2134

Filed: January 4, 2000

Examiner: Nalven, Andrew L.

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GROUPING OF SYSTEMS IN A
HETEROGENEOUS COMPUTER NETWORK**

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

JUL 06 2004

Technology Center 2100

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE
ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 20, 2004, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.